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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 10076

FROM AMB VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AORG, APER, UN
SUBJ: PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS - UN GENEVA
DNEPROVSKY APPOINTMENT AND REZOUN DEFECTION

1. FOLLOWING PUBLICATION JUNE 29 OF NEWSPAPER STORIES
REPORTED GENEVA'S 9876, I SENT DEPUTY SEC GEN LUIGI
COTTAFVI THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 30 AND RECEIVED
HIS REPLY TODAY DATED JULY 3. BOTH LETTERS ARE QUOTED
BELOW.

2. LETTER TO MR. COTTAFVI. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR MR.
DIRECTOR GENERAL. IN THE LIGHT OF OUR RECENT CONVERSA-
TIONS I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN ARTICLE
THAT APPEARED THIS MORNING IN LA SUISSE REGARDING THE
PRESUMPTIVE APPOINTMENT OF MR. DNEPROVSKY AS DIRECTOR OF
PERSONNEL FOR THE UN IN GENEVA. I WOULD APPRECIATE A
REPLY FROM AN APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITY
REGARDING THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THIS ARTICLE. IN
ADDITION, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER AN
AUTHORIZED PERSON HAS NOT EVER ASKED MR. DNEPROVSKY IF HE
IN FACT IS A MEMBER OF THE KGB. I WOULD LIKE TO BE
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CONFIDENT THAT THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT WILL NOT BE
EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.
RESPECTFULLY. AMB. WILLIAM J. VANDEN HEUVEL. END QUOTE

3. REPLY FROM MR. COTTAFVI. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR MR.
AMBASSADOR. IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF 30 JUNE, I MAY
SAY THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM ANY SOURCE

THAT WOULD GIVE CREDENCE TO THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE STORY APPEARING IN LA SUISSE OF 29 JUNE 1978, OF WHICH YOU SENT ME A COPY.

4. THE STAFF MEMBER WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE STORY UNDER REFERENCE HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT AT HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS FOR A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS OR MORE.

5. AT NO TIME - TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE - HAS ANY QUESTION BEEN RAISED FROM ANY QUARTER WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICE DURING THESE PERIODS.

6. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION WHICH YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH ON YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY, BASED UPON THE STAFF MEMBER'S PERFORMANCE DURING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, OR OTHERWISE RELEVANT TO THE MATTERS RAISED IN YOUR LETTER, PLEASE BE GOOD ENOUGH TO LET ME KNOW, AND I WILL IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT SUCH INFORMATION TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK, TO WHOM I AM IN THE MEANTIME PASSING A COPY OF YOUR LETTER. YOURS SINCERELY, LUIGI COTTAFI. END QUOTE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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